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MEETING NOTES

Date: August 19, 2004

Date of Meeting: July 19, 2004

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Waverly Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library

Subject: Information Meeting No. 1
Baltimore City Sanitary Contract No. 800:
New Jones Falls Force Main and Pressure Sewer

Attendees: Ms. Joan Floyd, Remington Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.
Ms. Joyceleen Williams, Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Board (signed in but did not attend)
Mr. Gary Wyatt, Baltimore City Department of Public Works
Mr. Samuel Edoror, Baltimore City Department of Public Works
Mr. John Maynes, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP
Mr. Luther Bathurst, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP
Mr. Christopher Thomson, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP

The City of Baltimore Department of Public Works hosted an information meeting to introduce Sanitary Contract No. 800 – New Jones Falls Force Main and Pressure Sewer to the residents and business owners adjacent to the project alignment. Representatives from the City and the project's consultant, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP, were on hand to describe the project and answer any questions from the public. Following is a summary of the topics discussed.

Mr. Bathurst began the meeting by providing background on the existing Jones Falls pressure pipeline system. The existing system transfers sanitary sewage from the Jones Falls Pumping Station at Clipper Mill Road and Ash Street to a large gravity sewer beneath Chase Street in East Baltimore. Since the system was last augmented in the early 1970s, flows in the system have increased.

The City of Baltimore has agreed to construct Sanitary Contract No. 800 to provide additional flow capacity to the existing Jones Falls system. The project is one of several the City is undertaking to improve its wastewater collection and conveyance systems as part of the Consent Decree signed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Consent Decree mandates that Sanitary Contract No. 800 be advertised for Contractor bids by June 30, 2005, with substantial completion of construction by June 30, 2007.

Mr. Bathurst continued by describing several construction-related issues. The project contractor will be required to maintain access to all residences and local businesses along the alignment. Along most of the alignment, traffic will be controlled on a block-by-block basis using detours that allow local traffic.

To minimize traffic disruption at major intersections, some work will be performed during night time hours.

Some existing utilities will need to be relocated to allow for the construction of the new pipeline. In addition, some existing water, sewer and gas services may be temporarily interrupted. Where possible, temporary utility services will be provided to homes and businesses prior to the disruption of existing services. When construction is complete in an area, normal services will be restored.

The installation of the pipeline will generally involve traditional open trench excavation. For public safety, all excavated trenches will either be filled at the end of each day or covered and secured with steel plates to prohibit unauthorized access. Before the project's completion the Contractor will restore any sidewalks, pavement, street signs, and all other areas disturbed by construction.

A question and answer period followed the project overview and description. Ms. Joan Floyd asked a number of questions. Following is a summary of questions asked and responses provided.

Q: How long will it take to construct the project along a residential block?

A: It is estimated that it will take 2 to 3 weeks for a typical block

Q: How will gas services that feed abandoned houses be handled safely?

A: WR&A said it would discuss the matter with BGE.

Q: Will the installation of the pipeline under Huntington Avenue prohibit the addition of a center median in the future?

A: Mr. Wyatt said he would check with the City's Department of Transportation regarding future projects.

Q: What is the capacity of the Lower Jones Falls gravity pipeline system between the Jones Falls Pumping Station and the Penn Station railroad yard, and does it provide for growth in the area?

A: Mr. Wyatt said that the modeling the City used to determine the design capacity of the system was based on build-out. WR&A said it would provide Ms. Floyd with the capacity information.

Christopher A. Thomson

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Mr. Allen Hicks, Hampden Community Council
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Ms. Beth Bullamore, Charles Village Civic Association
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